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SEBI CIR - COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES FOR DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY CIRCULAR 'RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016

DPs are advised to refer to the SEBI Circular no. **SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131** dated September 25, 2025, regarding **Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility Circular 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder- mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities'** dated July 31, 2025 (Circular No. **SEBI/HO/ITD/ITD 1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111**) [refer Annexure].

DPs are advised to take note of the same.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to: CDSL – Helpdesk Emails may be sent to: dprtasupport@cdslindia.com and connect through our **IVR Number 022-62343333**.

For and on behalf of
Central Depository Services (India) Limited

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Nilesh Shah
Vice President

CIRCULAR

SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/131

September 25, 2025

To,

All Recognised Stock Exchanges

All Recognised Clearing Corporations

All Registered Depositories

All Registered Intermediaries

Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)

Association of Portfolio Managers in India (APMI)

BSE Limited (Investment Adviser Administration and supervisory body-IAASB)

BSE Limited (Research Analysts Administration and supervisory body-RAASB)

Sir/Madam,

Subject: **Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility Circular ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder-mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities’ dated July 31, 2025 (Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111)**

1. SEBI issued circular on ‘Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder-mandatory compliance by all Regulated Entities’ on July 31, 2025.
2. The **Compliance Guidelines** are enclosed at **Annexure-A** of this circular.
3. This circular is being issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of the Securities and Exchange of India Act, 1992, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.
4. This circular is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

5. This circular is available on SEBI website at www.sebi.gov.in under the category “Legal” and drop “Circulars”.

Yours faithfully,

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Annexure-A
Compliance Guidelines for Digital Accessibility
(For SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/111)

These compliance guidelines are applicable to all the Regulated Entities (REs) that are required to directly submit the compliance of the said circular to SEBI

Part A: Summary of Compliance Requirements

Table A

S/N	Compliance required	Date of submission of compliance
1	REs shall submit a list of digital platforms provided by them for the investors (Table-C1)	Sept 30, 2025
2	Appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor. (Table-C2)	Dec 14, 2025
3	Conduct of Accessibility Audit for the digital platforms. (Table-C3)	April 30, 2026
4	Remediation of findings from the audit and ensuring compliance with this circular. (Table-C4)	July 31, 2026
5	Annually give compliance to conducting annual accessibility audits of all the digital platforms and submit final report of such audit to SEBI	*April 30, 2027

**Annual compliance is to be submitted within 30 days of each Financial Year, effective April 30, 2027*

Part B: Mechanism of Submission of Compliance

(latest updated as per SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/121 dated August 29, 2025)

Table B

S/N	Regulated Entity	Reporting Authority
1	Stock Brokers/ Depository Participants	Stock Exchanges/Depositories
2	Investment Advisor ("IAs") and Research Analysts ("RAs")	BSE Ltd.
3	MIIs and rest of the REs	SEBI

This mechanism of compliance is applicable for all REs mentioned in row 3 of the table immediately above.

It may be noted that the submission to SEBI in this regards shall be through email on digital_acc@sebi.gov.in in the formats specified in Part C. For the REs having multiple Digital Platforms, the audit reports for the digital platforms shall be consolidated and submitted through email as per guidelines laid down in points 4 and 5 of Part C.

Illustration: An RE has listed 5 Digital Platforms. It should submit the consolidated initial audit reports of all the digital platforms by April 30, 2026 and consolidated final audit reports by July 31, 2026.

Part C: Formats for Compliance Submission

REs shall submit compliance to the respective reporting authorities in the formats mentioned below:

1. Format for Information about Digital Platforms of the RE.

Email Subject: *[RE Registration No.] Information About Digital Platforms of the RE.*

Email Body:

<i>Name of RE</i>	
<i>Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)</i>	

Table C1

S/N	Name of digital platform	URL	Purpose	Remarks on current accessibility status of the platform

(add or remove rows as applicable)

2. Format for Information about appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor for digital platforms for REs.

Email Subject: [RE Registration No.] Information about appointment of IAAP certified accessibility professionals as Auditor for digital platforms for REs.

Email Body:

Name of RE	
Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)	

Table C2

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by RE
1	Name of IAAP Certified Accessibility Professional	
2	Certification Details (IAAP ID/Certificate No.)	
3	Date of Appointment	
4	Scope of Audit (Websites, Mobile Apps, Portals, etc.) Note: Make sure to cover details of all digital platforms as applicable	
5	Is the SEBI circular notified to the appointed auditor for compliance verification (Yes/No)	
6	Contact Details of Auditor	

3. Format for Submission of Initial Accessibility audit report for digital platforms.

Email Subject: [RE Registration No.] Submission of Initial Accessibility audit report for digital platforms

Email Body:

Name of RE	
Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)	

Table C3

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by RE
1	Name of IAAP Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	
2	Date of Completion of Audit	
3	Digital Platforms Covered (Websites, Mobile Apps, Portals, etc.)	Terms of Reference and Scope of audit to be attached
4	Key Findings / Observations	Consolidated PDF copy of the report(s) to be attached. The consolidated audit report is to be attached under the file name [Department]_Table-C3_[SEBI Reg No.]_DDMMYYYY.pdf*
5	Action Plan / Timelines for Remediation	

*Here, Department will be the concerned department corresponding to the RE category in Part D. DDMMYYYY is the date of the report where DD is 2-digit date of month, MM is 2-digit month of year and YYYY is 4-digit year.

4. Format for submission of final accessibility audit report for digital platforms.

Email Subject: [RE Registration No.] submission of final accessibility audit report for digital platforms

Email Body:

Name of RE	
Category for which submission is made (from the list provided in Part D)	

Table C4

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by RE
1	Name of IAAP Certified Accessibility Professional / Firm	
2	Date of Completion of Final Audit	
3	Digital Platforms Covered (Websites, Mobile Apps, Portals, etc.)	Terms of reference and Scope of audit to be attached
4	Key Findings / Observations from Final Audit	Consolidated PDF copy of the report(s) to be attached. The consolidated audit report is to be attached under the file name [Department]_Table-C4_[SEBI Reg No.]_DDMMYYYY.pdf*
5	Remediation Measures Undertaken	
6	Status of Compliance (Fully Complied / Partially Complied / Pending)	
7	Supporting Evidence (Screenshots, URLs, Certificates, Reports)	

*Here, Department will be the “concerned department” corresponding to the RE category in Part D. DDMMYYYY is the date of the report where DD is 2-digit date of month, MM is 2-digit month of year and YYYY is 4-digit year.

Part D: List of REs submitting compliance directly to SEBI

Table D

S/N	REs submitting compliance directly to SEBI	Concerned Departments
1	Alternative Investment Funds(AIFs)	AFD
2	Bankers to an Issue (BTI) and Self Certified Syndicate Banks (SCSBs)	CFD
3	Clearing Corporations	MRD
4	Collective Investment Schemes(CIS)	IMD
5	Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs)	DDHS
6	Custodians	AFD
7	Debenture Trustees (DTs)	DDHS
8	Depositories	MRD
9	KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs)	MIRSD
10	Merchant Bankers (MBs)	CFD
11	Mutual Funds (MFs)/ Asset Management Companies (AMCs)	IMD
12	Portfolio Managers	IMD
13	Registrar to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents (RTAs)	MIRSD
14	Stock Exchanges	MRD
15	Venture Capital Funds (VCFs)	AFD

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